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Six Politics Majors Make Capitol Trek

During the last week of final exams six students and Professor Landon Rockwell went to Washington, D. C. on a trip which included meeting such notables as Senator Herbert Lehman, Presidential Press Secretary James Hagerty and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Sherman Minton. The trip, sponsored by the Political Science Department, aimed to give the students a glimpse of government in action, to show the political processes as they actually operate.

The group left by car on Sunday, January 16, and stayed in the Capitol until Friday morning. They spoke with men from all three branches of the govenrment and also talked with people who, though not serving in any official government position, were connected with some phase of political activity. Included in this last category were interviews with a legislative liason officer of a national lobby, the Chamber of Commerce, and the head of the Democratic National Committee's Research Department. The interview at Democratic Headquarters was arranged by Senator Lehman who also talked with the group for more than an hour, impressing the students as "extremely warm, personable, and intelligent".

The students were also invited to have tea at the apartment of Wolf Ladejinsky, land reform expert recently ousted as a "security risk" by the Agriculture Department and then rehired by the Foreign Operations Administration. Mr. Ladejinsky, who was responsible for the land reform program in Japan, gave the students his views on some of the problems facing the United States today in the Far East.

While the group was in Washington the most important issue in the news was the Formosa crises. The students attended a hearing of the House Armed Services Committee at which Admiral Arthur Radford and Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson testified. This was the hearing at which Wilson made his much publicized comment: "Formosa is just a ripple". Immediately after the hearing the students went to see the Senate in session and heard the opening of debate on the Formosa Resolution. This debate included an impassioned two hour speech by Wayne Morse of Oregon who explained his reasons for voting against the Resolution. Later in the week the group returned to the Senate and heard Senator Malone of Nevada give a long talk advocat-

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Sub-Freshmen To Be Entertained On Feb. 25 Weekend

Ward and Eckel in Charge of Weekend

Hamilton College will again be host to a group of Sub Freshmen on the weekend of February 25. Bob Ward, chairman of the Student Admissions Committee, and Peter Eckel, in charge of sub freshmen weekend activities, have been working with Tom Gregory in planning this year's first sub freshmen weekend.

Various high school seniors, whose names were submitted to the Student Admissions Committee by alumni and friends at Hamilton, have been invited to come for this weekend.

The success of last year's sub freshmen weekends is evident by the number of freshmen who are at Hamilton this year after coming to a weekend last year. A total of 78 high school seniors came to the sub freshmen weekends last year. Of these, 70 applied for admission, 55 were granted admission, and 43 came as freshmen in the fall.

The program planned for the sub freshmen is not yet completed. However, they will arrive on the Hill on Saturday, February 26. They will register in the gym and will be greeted in the Chapel by a member of the Admission Office.

The sub freshmen will spend the rest of Saturday and Sunday seeing the campus and attending the Hamilton-Rochester basketball game. The Dean, members of the athletic department, and representatives of various student organizations will also give short talks on various aspects of Hamilton to the sub freshmen in the Baker Memorial Room.

The Block-H Club will meet Monday night at 8:00 p. m. in the Gymnasium Library.

Em Brown on Clairnet, Pete Zeeveld on piano, and Donn Andre on guitar warm up in a practice session of the Catatonic Five. Hamilton's own dixieland stylists will air their music in the Hall of Commons on Friday night of Winter Carnival.

Williams 'Record' Reviews Various College Cut Systems

The Williams College *Record* published recently a survey of the cutting systems of six New England Colleges —Amherst, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan, Williams and Yale.

Instructors at Amherst make their own cut rules and leave enforcement of them to the Dean. The Dean may drop from the course any student who overcuts, or may reduce the number of hours credit he receives for the course.

Trinity

Trinity divides its students into six classes according to their grades. Students with averages above 85 are allowed unlimited cuts; those with averages between 78 and 84 are allowed five cuts per class in each semester; those with averages between 70 and 77 are allowed four cuts per class each semester, and so on. The lowest class, those on academic probation, are allowed no cuts whatsoever. Penalties for overcutting may be as severe as suspension for one semester.

Tufts

No cuts at all are allowed at Tufts. The *Record* awarded Tufts, "the most stringent policy" of all the colleges surveyed. However, the Tufts *Weekly* points out that, "Of course, students cut, and how much they cut depends strictly on the attitude of the individual instructor, whose point of view ranges from complete indifference to strict enforcement of attendance.

Wesleyan

Instructors at Wesleyan determine how many cuts may be taken before a student fails to "attend his classes regularly". The Dean takes care of enforcement, which may consist of a five dollar fine for each class over cut, or "other appropriate administrative action.

There are no special privileges for Dean's list students, but those who are on academic probation are strictly required to attend all classes.

Williams

The *Record* summarized Williams' own cut system as one that allows five cuts per semester for an A or B, three cuts for a C, two for a D, and one for an E.

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Tuition Bill Upped To Raise Faculty's Salaries Next Year

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 29, it was decided to raise the tuition at Hamilton from $700 to $800 effective with the year 1955-56. The increase will be applicable to all students in the College. The charge for incidental fees will continue at $80.

Most of the money from this increase will be used to raise the salaries of the faculty. However twenty-five percent of it will go to providing scholarship funds for needy students.

In a letter to the parents of Hamilton students the Administration said: "We are sorry that it is necessary to take this action. We are concerned to provide first class educational opportunity to young men of ability at as low a cost as possible. We know that the cost of a college education is already high, even though the charge for tuition and fees for next year does not represent quite as much of an increase over prewar figures as does the general cost-of-living index."

U. S. Civil Service Examinations to Be Given in Sciences

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced a Student Trainee examination for positions paying $2,500 to $3,175, a year, in the fields of physics, metallurgy, chemistry, cartography, and engineering, located at various Federal agencies in Washington, D. C., and vicinity.

Applicants must have completed an appropriate high school curriculum, or they must have had 1, 2, or 3 years of appropriate college study. (Students who expect to complete the required training by June 30, 1955, may apply.) A written test will be given. The age limits, waived for persons entitled to veteran preference, are 16 to 35 years. Persons appointed will participate in training programs consisting of periods of on-the-job training in a Federal establishment alternating with periods of schloastic training at an accredited college or university.

Further information and application forms may be obtained at many post offices throughout the country, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Carnival Band Leader Noted For Pace-setting Compositions

Duke Ellington, America's foremost composer of modern music, has reigned as a pace-setting stylist since 1927. Over more than two decades the Ellington idiom has carved out a musical niche in America. Bands have come and gone. None have moved Ellington from the top rung. Yet Duke feels he hasn't even scratched the surface of popular music's great potentialities.

He has contributed more to modern music, in orginality, melodic material, and arranging technique, than any other contemporary. His manner of writing in enigmatic mood and quick-silver rhythms has for subtle by-play of reeds against brasses, and piano against orchestra — remained an individual art. His songs are as fresh today as the day they were written.

If imitation is the greatest flattery, The Duke has had the most of it the world can offer, together with the tribute of the concert hall intelligensia who rank his innovations in modern music with the art of Stravinsky, Ravel, and Belius. But the compliment that really feathers the cap of a musician is having the admiration of his colleagues—bandleaders and musicians who take

The Duke

busmen's holidays listening to the Duke as the standard of excellence.

Most musicians agree that one of the reasons the Duke's music is as provocative today as it was when it was first beaten out in a night club, is that Ellington tunes are always ahead of their time. *Solitude, Sophisticated Lady, Mood Indigo,* are still on the lips of the public, and right in front with his more recent *Don't You Know I Care?,* and *I'm Beginning to See the Light.*

W. T. Heath and G. W. Webber to Speak in Chapel

Reverend William Thomas Heath, Rector of the Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, in Alexandria, Virginia, will be the Chapel speaker on Sunday evening, February 13. Mr. Heath graduated from Princeton University and received his Master's Degree at Union Theological Seminary. For almost twenty years he was the Pastor of Trinity Church in Buffalo, New York.

On the following Sunday, February 20, Reverend George Williams Webber will be the Chapel speaker. Mr. Webber is Dean of Union Theological Seminary.

SOC Watches Weather, Hoping Snow Will Last

Although the current blanket of soggy snow allayed fears somewhat, the big question concerning Winter Carnival is whether the fluffy white stuff will be here for sculptures next week. For two years now the sculpture trophy has gone unawarded, the last winner being Psi U. At the recommendation of the IFC, the Social Committee has decided to make colored sculptures optional this year. Any type of paint or decoration may be used.

Themes for the sculptures, "The Comic Strips Visit Hamilton," must be turned in to the SOC not later than Monday. The judging committee, composed of Professors Wetimer, Penny and Mrs. Tolles will select the winning sculpture at 5:00 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Houseparty activties begin Friday night with a basketball game at 8:00 p.m. against Stevens Institute. Following the game, the usual house to house traveling should occupy the time until 11 p.m. when the Catatonic Five opens their jazz session in the Soper Hall of Commons. Em Brown and his crew are scheduled to play until 2 a.m.

A block beer party is also tentatively scheduled for Friday night at the ELS house. Six fraternities will donate money to the cause.

Saturday morning at 10 a.m. judging of the queen will take place in the Baker Memorial Room. Wielding the measuring tape will be professors Piano, Graves and Brachfeld. One candidate from each house should report to the gym at 9:45 a.m. dressed in a sweater and skirt.

Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. Bill Tomik's tank men meet Buffalo University in the Hamilton College pool, and at 4 p.m. in the Sage Building, Gregg Batt's hockey squad battles the American I. C. team.

Cocktail parties in the fraternities usually follow the athletic events, and then from 9-1 a.m. in the gymnasium the immortal Duke Ellington will be featured at the formal dance. During intermission the queen and her attendants will be announced and the snow sculpture trophy presented. Following a few numbers by the Buffers, Duke Ellington will play solo pieces at the keyboard.

Social tickets for the weekend go on sale next Thursday. The price of a ticket for Winter Carnival is $5 and a $7.50 ticket is also being offered by the SOC which will cover all events for the remainder of the year, including jazz concert on April 16. Anyone interested in buying a ticket for themselves, friends, or alumni should contact Chip Pickering at Sigma Phi.

A schedule of events for Winter Carnival will again be announced in Thursday Chapel and next week's *Spectator*.

Charlatans Choose 3 Student Winners For Original Plays

Casting Slated Next Week

Three student written one act plays will be presented by the Charlatans March 10-12 in Soper Commons. The plays are *The Sane Asylum* written by Sam Sade, '56 and Klaus Birkenhauer a special student, *LaFille aux Chevaux De Lin* (The Girl With The Flaxen Hair) by Jim Cramer, '57 and an as yet untitled play by Frang Rizzo, '58.

These plays are the selections of a committee consisting of Professors George Nesbitt and Herbert Long, Mrs. Virginia Park, Director of Charlatans Bob Ward, Assistant Director Ben Carroll, and a member-at-large chosen by the club, Mike Sundell. All six plays submitted were written following rules set up by the Charlatans and will be presented in the round.

Sade's and Birkenhauer's play, *The Sane Asylum,* is a farcial study of the dissatisfaction of people with present society and their attempt to escape its problems. The director for this play has not been announced.

Rizzo will direct his own play, which concerns the challenges faced by a man leading a Bohemian existence when he is drawn by his relatives to return home. *..La Fille aux La Chevaux De Lin* will be directed by its author, Jim Cramer, and Mike Sundell. The play is the story of a German composer who must decide whether to join the Nazis against his will, or lose his friends and risk punishment for his refusal.

In commenting on the plays Ward said that, "I think with a lot of work this year's presentations will equal those of last year. We were very pleased to find so much talent among the underclassmen. This is a good sign for future years. Generally this promises to be a very enjoyable showing."

Ward also announced that tryout for the plays will take place in Truax Monday the 14th at 7:45, and Tuesday night at 9:15 in the Baker Memorial Room. There is a possibility of one of the plays being performed on television this Spring. Heading production on the Hill will be Jim Kehoe, '56. Nick Martianoff, '57 will be in charge of lighting and George Boveroux, '56 of publicity.

Hill Charity Drive Enters Last Phase $2,100 Pledged;

The Campus Fund has collected $2,102.75 in its drive to reach a goal of $3,500. February contributions were due this week, but have been coming in very slow, according to Leo Holmsten, drive chairman.

The drive's treasurer, Jim Schade, urges all solicitors to turn over their money for February contributions to him at the TKE house or to Leo Holmsten at D. U.

This is the fifth year that the Campus Fund has been in operation, and pledges this year have already totalled $3,662 with more pledges still coming in. In an interview with the *Spectator,* Holmsten said, "The success of the drive depends on the February and April contributions, and only with an all-out effort by solicitors can the $3,500 goal be attained.

Tolles Gives IFC Winter Carnival Precaution Notes

Deputies Hired For Fraternities

The Interfraterinity Council met Monday evening to discuss Winter Carnival and the results of the new Hell Week rulings. Dean Tolles was present for the discussion concerning the problems of Winter Carnival.

The Dean stated that the College was willing to do anything it could to avoid any trouble that might arise during the weekend. Problems arise, said Dean Tolles, during Winter Carnival when various uninvited outsiders come to the Hill and cause disturbance at the dance itself, but vandalism and theft often occur at the fraternities during the dance.

Dean Tolles said that two deputies would patrol the campus from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on each evening of the Carnival. He pointed out the futility of having the deputies if the Houses did not call them or if they called them too late. He also suggested that: 1) the houses always have someone covering the premises, and 2) "do not let people in that you do not want."

The IFC also discussed a note suggesting to the Social Committee that alumni be admitted to the dance at a discount.

The Houses agreed that Hell Week under the new rulings of the IFC was successful. As yet, no complaints have come in to the council concerning Hell-Week. Some sophomores did cut classes during the week but, in general, there was not much cutting.

Pi Delta Epsilon Elects 5 Seniors

Five Hamilton seniors have been elected to Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalism fraternity, it was announced yesterday by Ron Krauss, '55, local chapter president.

Elected were James Balch, business manager for the Publications Board; G. Alfred Sproat, ciirculation manager for the board; John Ibach, editor of *The Hamiltonian;* Robert Hall, managing editor of *The Spectator;* and Alan Savory, editor-in-chief of *The Spectator.*

Student Leaders of Hamilton, Colgate Agree on Social Pact

Hamilton and Colgate concluded a social pact yesterday which both schools hope will lessen the possibility of vandalism at either of the schools over weekends.

The meeting was held at the Colgate Inn and included seven Hamilton student representatives and delegates from Colgate's student senate. Colgate's Dean and Secretary of Admissions were also in attendance. The seven Hamilton men who participated were David Bates, Al Savory, Pieter Van Volkenburgh, John Ibach, Tom Fisher, Chip Pickering and Jim Schade.

Following is the code that was argeed upon:

We, the representative undergraduate governing bodies of Hamilton College and Colgate University, are hereby agreed that:

1. Organized social functions at either school are for the benefit of the students of that school only.

2. Visitations by men of one campus to the organized social functions of the other campus are prohibited; except that students of one institution may issue written invitations to attend organized social functions at a specific fraternity or independent organization.

3. This agreement shall be enforced by the proper judicial bodies of the respective campuses upon complaint from the injured parties.

The pact will be voted on by Hamilton's Student Council this Sunday, and the Colgate Student Senate will vote on it formally at a special meeting Monday. The respective I.F.C.'s of the two schools are also expected to endorse the pact.

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A Move Long Needed . . .

The recent announcement by President McEwen that Hamilton's tuition is going up another $100 notch came as little surprise to many on the campus. In the face of recent rises in tuition cost at Colgate, Yale and many other eastern colleges it was only a matter of time till Hamilton followed suit. Unacademic as it sounds, Hamilton is in the *business* of educating men. While we are not in the business for a profit we still must meet competition. To allow other colleges to raise faculty salaries and reach the point where Hamilton could no longer attract top-flight professors and teachers would be fatal to the avowed purposes of the College.

The competition for young instructors is keen. For this reason our minimum wage for an instructor has nearly doubled since 1933 while the minimum wage for a full professor at Hamilton has risen less than 20%. We cannot expect men of great ability to stay at Hamilton for tradition and loyalty alone — not when other colleges wave dollars before them. We must be willing to pay for good professors, the kind we are accustomed to at Hamilton.

The major portion (approximately 75%) of the increased tuition income will be devoted to raising faculty salaries. This is admirable and very necessary. However, we note the fact that the cost of living rises for professors as well as instructors. Raising the starting wage for an instructor is necessary and admirable but let us not lose sight of the professors either. We hope that a major share of this increase will be devoted to helping the higher paid brackets of the faculty to catch-up proportionately with the raises that have been granted elsewhere. It is fine that Hamilton can attract worthy men as instructors but not enough. We must be able to hold these men if we want to continue the tradition of top-rate faculty at Hamilton. With this one suggestion *The Spectator* heartily endorses the rise in tuition. In our opinion the faculty has long awaited this step and equally long deserved it.

The remaining 25% of the increased tuition income is destined for more scholarship aid to fill the need created by the overall rise in costs. Lest incoming students be frightened away by the increased bill, this fact must be publicized among prospective Hamilton men. The increased tuition definitely makes an increase in scholarship publicity a must. Attention: Public Relations. —A.P.S.

A Tradition? . . . We Hope!

Both this year and last year the Political Science Department has sponsored a between-semester field trip to Washington, D. C. This type of trip has been commonplace at many liberal arts colleges in the East for some time now and we are glad to see that it is well on its way to becoming a permanent feature of Hamilton's curriculum. The trip is no sightseeing jaunt and, in fact, the students had little time left, between interviews, meetings, and luncheons with government officials, to take in the sights, the buildings and monuments, that the ordinary tourist sees when he visits the Capitol.

The Hamilton students who went on these Washington trips have come back plainly enthusiastic and above all they have felt it was a rich and rewarding educational experience. We agree with them and we believe that these trips should enjoy the full backing of both the College Administration and the Student Body. Furthermore we would like to see some form of scholarship aid given to worthy students who would wish to go on such a trips but cannot afford to meet the cost involved (which may run from fifty to seventy-five dollars.)

Save It for the Thruway

We have recently been disturbed (as must anyone who walks and drives on campus) by the appearance at Hamilton of "the hot rod set." Hamilton College roadways are not parkways. Admittedly, most of them are hardly two lanes wide. Turns are not banked, and there are a few stretches of straight road. This is not, as we understand it, the ideal situation for stock car racing.

The Hill is a community in many senses of the word. There is a large pedestrian population within the small area called "college hill." This group includes children, many quite young. These children and their parents have rightfully come to think of the campus as somewhat of a park where they need not fear the danger of a busy highway.

At this time of the year when roadways around the campus are ice-covered and treacherous the danger is particularly great. Foolish driving and senseless racing are but the earmarks of someone who does not deserve the use of a car. We ask speed demons who enjoy dipping their oversize aerials and exploding their roars through pseudo-dual exhausts to slow down. We also remind them that driving on campus roads is a privilege not a right. Privileges can be withdrawn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Editor-in-chief
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Dear Sir:

I read in the New York Herald-Tribune of January 29, 1955 that Jack Magee, since 1913, track coach at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, had announced his retirement, effective in June. Mr. Magee was an Olympic coach in 1920, 1924, 1928, and 1932. He refused to serve in 1936 because the Olmpics were held in Adolph Hitler's Germany. One of his Bowdoin athletes, Fred Tootell, won the 1924 Olympics hammer throw. During his tenure at Bowdoin, Mr. Magee built the track team into an effective, winning squad.

Bowdoin is a liberal arts college roughly the same size as Hamilton. It has an excellent reputation academically. Nobody can say that the college is overly interested in athletics since it does not subsidize sports significantly. However, the record of Mr. Magee is remarkable, especially when we consider the size of the school at which he has been coaching. The administration of Bowdoin College deserves praise as well. The administration has had enough faith in him to retain him in the athletic department these many years. But what about Hamilton College? Many of our coaches stay here for two or three years and leave. Often a coach builds up a team which performs well for him, only to have a new coach take over. The team can not be expected to function as successfully under a sudden change in leadership. Few colleges other than Hamilton have the rather dubious record of having had three track coaches in four years. (1951-1954). This constant shuffling of personnel in the athletic department is not beneficial to our students or to our sports.

Sincerely,
Al Shaler, '57

At a house meeting Tuesday night Alpha Delta Phi elected the following officers for the Spring semester: president, Ted Davis; vice president, Bill Cline; Recording secretary, Denny Young; corresponding secretary, Pete Kimball; scholastic chairman, John M. Gleeen.

Here And There

By Bob Connor

R. P. I. has increased its tuition to $1,000 per year.

The Swarthmore *Phoenix* quoted the following item from the *Spectator* and entitled it, "Love life among the tweed suits department": All Freshmen who have signed up for blind dates from Wells are reminded that they should be in the gymnasium lobby at 3:00 p. m. to pick up their dates."

Headline in a Boston newspaper:

50,000 Hens
In State Jobs

The Middlebury College octet, The Dissipated Eight, are distributing a 12" long playing record of their songs for sale.

On being asked to sign an egg for a freshman on a Hell Week stunt last week, one Hamilton professor related the following story. A few years ago, a group of college students sneaked their way into the most obscure stacks of the Library of Congress and filed a hard boiled egg that had been marked with the appropriate Dewey decimal number. They then asked a reference librarian to bring them the book with that number on it. The astonished librarian returned with the egg on which the words "Love's Labor Lost" were written near the Dewey decimal number.

Not that we don't believe the story, but the Library of Congress doesn't use the Dewey Decimal system.

At Williams, Psi Upsilon recently beat DKE in the final rounds of the intramural debate tournament.

1984 Department: President Eisenhower has named Charles Stewart Mott of Flint, Michigan, "Big Brother of the year 1954."

An AP columnist reports that "the smell of stacked old money will knock a horse over".

Students at Holy Cross College recently hoaxed the local newspaper into publishing a page one story that the college had been quarantined because of an attack of "hepatitis, an infectious, but seldom fatal malady." Some one had called the local paper, introduced himself as The Reverend Jeremiah Donovan, S. J., dean of discipline, and announced the quarantine. The paper failed to check the source and ran the false story on page one.

We have had a hard time believing the following story, but publish it after finding that it is, to the best of our knowledge, true. A student asked a Hamilton professor for permission to make up a lab period that he had missed because of an excused absence. The professor replied with the statement that the student would not be allowed to make up the lab . . . for he did not have time to bother with individual students.

Bantam Publications will produce a paperbound volume entitled, *Campus Writing Today*, late this year. Its purpose is to include the best of college writing today. Deadline for the volume is May 1.

Lafayette College has organized a book drive to send 3,000 texts to native schools in West Africa.

An editorial in the *Siena News* thanked the college maintenance director for putting blackboards in the extension buildings. The editorial concluded with the observation that "students and faculty alike will certainly benefit from their installment".

The Federal Office of Education has reported that college and university enrollment last fall was 2,472,000. The National Association of Manufacturers estimates that this number will double by 1970.

In 1900 four percent of those between 18 and 21 went to college. Today the percentage is 25.

Spectator Peeks at Fashions; Kilts Up, Bermudas Falling

by Mike Sundell

According to a fashion note in a recent issue of the everdelightful and informative Smith College *Sophian,* Bermuda shorts, for years the Gibralter of female undergraduates attire, have been suffering, during recent months, a significant, though still slight, loss of popularity in favor of the shortened version of the Scottish kilt.

Although the kilt is less free than the sturdy Bermudas in permitting gyrations in mixed company, the apparent trend in its favour is completely justified, many Smithies believe, both functionally, and, more important, aesthetically. Chief advantage is that it reduces the emphasis on the girl's *derriere*. As one robust Northampton lassie put it: "Mine has *never* looked so flat." In addition, she asserted blandly, "It's great for sitting on wet rocks." Then as an afterthought and condecension to dull male minds, our Lorelie elaborated: "In Bermudas, when one sits on wet rocks, one's seat is wet. A wet-seated kilt one can simply reverse."

Our opportunities for observing girls in any kind of clothing are so rare that we hesitate to express opinions about female attire. However, impressive as are the arguments in favour of the kilt, we second heartily the assertion of the Amherst *student* that "Bermudas are rediculous, but kilts are absurd." In fact, we would go a little farther and say that they're downright grotesque. It has always amazed us that the basically attractive female figure coulld become so silly and awkward just by girding itself with a pair of short pants. Even more strange and horrible is the effect of the short skirt. As if by magic, it transforms that fresh and wholesome creature, *The American College Girl,* into a bony, top-heavy, angular thing with the grace and poise of an epileptic billy goat.

There is only one kind of girl the kilt succeeds in flattering: the broad-beamed, sturdy-legged peasant type, whose natural habitat is the hockey field, and who delights everyone on Sunday afternoons of houseparties by doing more pushups than any two boys in the house, if, of course, two can be found capable of lifting themselves off the floor at all.

As for other girls — well, along with George Gobel, David Riesman, and the droodle, kilts have become the thing; so we can expect everyone to be wearing them soon. Anyhow, the fad at least will add new interest to that old puzzler about the Scotsman, and what he wears . . .

Prize Brunel Film Featured By Club

The Spanish language film *Subida al Cielo* (Mexican Bus Ride) will be shown at the Chemistry Auditorium on Wednesday, February 23, and Thursday, February 24. This film, which has English titles, won the Grand Prix du Film d'Avant Garde at the Cannes Festival in July, 1952.

These two showings of Mexican Bus Ride will be sponsored by the Hispanic Relations Club. Admission price is forty cents and the public is invited.

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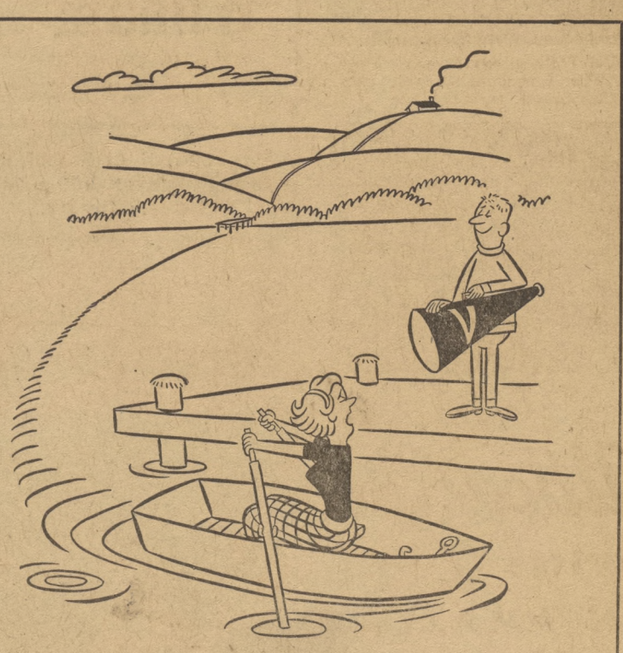

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Intramural Basketball Slate Changed; Four Houses Vie for I-M Bowling Title

A down-to-the-wire race is being carried on by four fraternities in the IM Bowling League this semester, according to standing released early this week by loop secretary Rod Cooke.

A single game's difference in the standings is all that separates the top four kegling teams, with the rest of the Houses spread out far behind. Lambda Chi and Psi Upsilon top the standing with 14-6 records and Squires and Delta Upsilon are close behind.

The top four:

LXA	14	6½
Psi U	14	6
Squires	13½	6½
DU	13	7

Don Pratt of the DU squad is leading the individual average race with 179 mark in twelve games. Tom Briaddy is runner-up with a 15-game 169 average while Wally Peters stands third with 168. Dave Eaker and Earle Schemerhorn round out the five high men with 167's.

A revised schedule for completing the inter-fraternity basketball season was announced today by Al Stripp, chairman of the intramural basketball league. The changes in the former slate of games have been forced by postponed games over the first semester.

The new Schedule:

February 17
DP vs. LXA
DKE vs. Squires
February 21
TDX vs. LXA
ADP vs. TKE
February 23
ADP vs. ELS
Psi U. vs. DU
February 24
Sig vs. DP
DKE vs. Ind.
March 3
TDX vs. ELS
ADP vs. Sig.
March 7
DKE vs. Chi Psi

Playoffs between the Buff and Blue Leagues will be set up on completion of the regular season.

New Laundry Setup Given Hill Students

On Wednesday February 2, Lincoln Laundries instituted a new system whereby a student can take his laundry or dry cleaning to the basement of Root Hall on any weekday afternoon between 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. and have it back in three days.

This new service, which is operated by Jim Magee, Al Bissell, Paul McGiffin, and Cooper Ponton, has replaced bi-weekly dry cleaning pickups and the weekly laundry pickups which have been made till now in the dormatories. The system is run on a cash-and-carry basis.

Former Editor Is Legislative Ass't. To Maine Senator

Donald Webster, '53, former editor of the *Spectator,* has been named legislative assistant to Senator Frederick G. Payne, the junior Senator of Maine. His duties include assisting the Senator in preparing legislation and other administrative work. At Hamilton, Webster was a member of Pentagon, Phi Beta Kappa, and numerous other organizations.

Freshman star Bill Tufts is off to another fast start in the Alumni Gym pool. Tufts has added scoring punch and class to the 1955 swimming team and is being counted on to pace the tankmen in coming years.

Squash Team Set For Cornell Match

The Continental intercollegiate squash players, having posted a 1-1-1 mark so far this year, are tuning up for their next match against Cornell University on Saturday, February 26, at Ithaca.

Led by Captain Harry Presberg, the Hill racket club has beaten Colgate, lost to the Syracuse Athletic Club, and split a decision with the Cooperstown A.C. in three outings.

Besides the Cornell away match, future competitions will be with Williams, Albany Fort Orange Club, Colgate, Syracuse A.C., Cooperstown, and a home contest with the Big Red in May.

The Blue squash team is composed of Presberg, Ed Bradley, Charlie Graaskamp, John Glezen, Bill Bradley, and Ronnie Woodward.

Hill Sailing Club to Sponsor Ogilvy on Sailing Techniques

Hamilton's highly-successful Sailing Club will sponsor a series of talks on small craft sailing techniques by Professor C. Stanley Ogilvy, starting next Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Alpha Delt house.

Ogilvy, former North American Star Class Champion and author of *Successful Yatch Racing,* is expected to pattern his speaking series after the lectures he presented to the Syracuse sailing club.

His first talk will cover background and fundamentals of small boats, and be broad enough to interest even novice sailors, according to club president Dave Smalley. Later topics will include tuning boats, sailing tactics, and weather.

Lectures will take place every other Wednesday night till the approach of sailing season late in March when they may be presented at more frequent intervals.

Hapless Swimmers Try for First Win In Buffalo Meet

After six consecutive defeats this season, the hapless Hamilton College swim men will toe the mark in their home pool against a strong University of Buffalo team next Saturday, February 19 in quest of their first victory.

Last Wednesday night the Cortland State Teachers' squad swamped the Buff and Blue, 41-31, at Cortland. Swimming without the aid of Captain Phil Hahn and mainstays Pete Phillips, Tom Meyer, and Jack Stanton, who were sidelined because of illness, the Continental tankmen got off to a poor start and were never able to put together a combination to lead them to their first win.

Coach Bill Tomik's two brightest moments came when Nils Allard led the pack home in the 200 yard breast -stroke in record breaking time, and when the 400 yard freestyle relay team of Keogh, Tinges, Tufts, and Kraunz emerged victorious.

On January 15 at Troy, the R.P.I. Engineers sank the Hamilton swim squad by the lopsided score of 64-20. The P' swimmers were badly outclassed by the quick-stroking R.P.I. team, and only victories by freshman Bill Tufts in the 50 yard freestyle and 100 yard freestyle events enabled them to score twenty points. Other praiseworthy performances were turned in by Jack Roberts and Nils Allard who placed second in diving and the 200 yard breast-stroke respectively.

Due to the recent epidemic of colds on College Hill many swimmers have had to curtail their aquatic activities; however, Coach Bill Tomik hopes to send a full team of strong swimmers to the starting block on the Saturday of Winter Carnival to face Buffalo University.

This week's S. C. A Movie is "Passport to Pimlico, a J. Arthur Rank comedy that stars Margaret Rutherford and Stanley Holloway. It will be shown Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p. m. in the Chemistry Auditorium. Admission is 40 cents.

The Block-H Club will meet Monday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Gym Library.

Quintet Beats 2 Foes; Patrick's Hopes Up

The Continentals, now entering the last third of the 1954-55 season, will be looking for their first winning season since Ken Patrick took over the coaching job.

Blue Sextet Faces Larries, Clarkson; Beats Springfield

The rejuvenated Continental sextet faces the roughest weekend of their season as they face St. Lawrence Friday at Canton and Clarkson Saturday at Potsdam. The Golden Knights and the Larries are currently ranked 1-2 in the East, and both are considered the probable selections to represent the East in the NCAA championships.

Top-ranked Clarkson has a 15-1 record so far, including a 5-2 decision over Hamilton. Other victims include RPI, Middlebury (twice), and Springfield (16-1). Their roster includes 14 Canadians, and they are able to ice three lines of nearly equal strength. Second-ranked St. Lawrence has come along fast after a slow start. Included in their 12-3-1 record is a 6-5 win over Clarkson. Two of their defeats were at the hands of Canadian colleges. The Larries are led by the high scoring duo of Ron O'Brien with 36 points and Eddie Zifcak with 30 points.

Coach Greg Batt stated that he anticipates tough games for both Clarkson and St. Lawrence. The Continental offense has been bolstered considerably by the addition of Sophomore Bruce Smith to the second line. This combination of Smith, Jack Taylor, and Bob Regan has provided most of the scoring punch in the last few games. Batt also has high hopes that the first line of Bill Scoones, Joby Burns, and Captain Chip Pickering will come up to their potential for this series.

The Continentals will again use a rotating three-man defense with reliable Joe O'Brien and Doug Chapman at the starting posts and Ken Shutt in reserve. Most hopes for an upset rest on the goal tending of Ward Olney, who has performed brilliantly in the nets so far this year.

The Continentals gained their first two victories of the season last weekend after five straight defeats. On Friday they trounced Springfield 8-4, and on Saturday they handed the Alumni a 14-4 drubbing.

After a close first period against Springfield, when the Continentals were able to capitalize on only two of many scoring opportunities, the game broke wide open in the second stanza as Hamilton scored four times. The Alumni game was never in doubht, as the undergraduates scored almost at will throughout the entire game. Jack Taylor led the scoring in both games, ending up with a total of seven goals and four assists.

Hamilton has remaining games with Stevens, Ithaca, Union, and Rochester. If the Blue can win four of the remaining five games, they will finish the year with a 8-7 record.

Since their return from vacation, the Continentals have won two games and lost one, beating Hobart and Union, and losing to RPI. The loss to RPI was a hard one to take. Leading by ten points at the half and as much as 14 points in the third period, the Continentals lost to the Engineers 66-64. Against Union, the Continentals played a good, sound game, winning 70-53. In last Wednesday's tilt, the Blue played their best game of the season, revenging an earlier loss to Hobart, 76-66.

The next team to invade the Alumni Gym will be Ithaca, conquerer of Iona of New Rochelle and West Point. Ithaca features a team that is steady from the foul line, but a little weak from the outside. Last year the Continentals pulled an upset, winning 73-67.

The second semester surge of the Continentals has been led by Captain John Ibach and Bob Moses. Ibach has averaged 21 points a game in the last three contests. His best performance was against Hobart last Wednesday when he made 13 out of 14 from the free throw line. Ibach has scored most of his points from the free throw line. Ibach has scored most of his points in crucial points during the game. Moses has been a steadying influence on the court, a good playmaker, and an excellent backcourt man. A new member of the varsity, John Driscoll, has contributed much to the success of the last two games. Driscoll recently called up from the freshman team has shown himself an excellent replacement at all positions.

Freshman John Glezen is still the leading scorer on the club with a ten game average of 15.7 points. Bill Fivaz is second with a 14.7 average. Team scoring to date:

Name	FG	FP	T	Ave.
Glezen	57	43	157	15.7
Fivaz	59	19	147	14.7
Ibach	47	42	136	13.6
O'Brien	49	27	125	12.5

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Britisher to Discuss Personalities And Prospects in Labor Party

At eight o'clock on Thursday, February 24, Hugh Lancelot Beales will deliver a lectur in the Chapel, to which all members of the college community are invited. The topic of his talk, in which he will discuss prominent personalities in the British Labor Party with special references to Aneurin Bevin, is *The British Labor Movement: Its Genesis and Prospects.*

Mr. Beales, born on February 18, 1889, was educated at the Kingswood School in Bath and at the University of Manchester. He was a lecturer in economic history at the University of Sheffield from 1919 until 1926, and at the London School of Economics froom 1926 to 1931. He has served in the position of Reader in Economic History at the London School of Economics from 1931 until the present. He is currently acting as a Visiting Propessor of History at Columbia University. According to Professor Wertimer, Professor Beales is "one of the best-read persons to be found today on nineteenth century Britian in its political, social, and economic aspects.

Professor Beales will also present an informal talk, *A Critical Appraisal of the British Political System* on Thursday afternoon in the chemistry auditorium for students in the Political Science 12 course and other interested people.

Alumni Donations Reach New Peak

Hamilton College alumni and friends set a new giving record in 1954 with gifts to the college of just over $70,000.

In a year-end report released today, President Robert W. McEwen announced that the Friends of Hamilton Fund had closed on Dec. 31st with total gifts of $11,475.

Added to the $58,529 donated by alumni during the 1954 Alumni Fund campaign, the total tops by $5,300 the donation of the two groups in 1948, the best earlier year.

Frederick H. Ecker of New York, honorary chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, headed the Friends' campaign. Sherwood C. Chatfield of New York, Bristol-Myers Company vice-president, was chairman of the alumni drive.

President McEwen reported that 1,970 alumni (49 per cent of those solicited) and 220 parents and other friends contributed to the funds. The $70,004 gift will go into the unrestricted account of the college to help balance Hamilton's $1,000,000 budget this year.

Swiss Study Open To Grad Students

Opportunities for American graduate students to study in Switzerland during 1955-1956 have been made available by Swiss universities and societies and by the American-Swiss Foundation for Scientific Exchange, it was announced February 5 by Kenneth Holland, President of the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York City.

The Universities of Bern, Fribourg, Geneva (including the Graduate Institute of International Studies), Lausanne, Neuchatel, and Zurich; and the School of Economics and Public Administration, St. Gallen; offer tuition grants. These will be supplemented by stipends given by Swiss educational institutions and cocieties under the Swiss American Student Exchange.

Fields of study open to American students in Switzerland, include architecture, chemistry, engineering, geology, physics, international law, economics, banking and insurance, as well as language and literature.

Information on the Swiss awards may be obtained from the Institute. Closing date for application is March 1, 1955.

Poli. Sci. . . . Cont'd

ing an isolationist policy for the country.

Another highlight of the trip was the hour and a half spent at the White House with James Hagerty, the President's press secretary and one of the top men in the Administration. Mr. Hagerty covered a variety of topics with the group including the use of television for Presidential press conferences, the Formosa problem, the security risk issue, and whether Eisenhower will run again in '56 (he, like the President, was noncommittal).

The group also visited with people from the State Department, the Agriculture Department, the Bureau of the Budget, and the Soviet Embassy. At the Embassy the students chatted with Mr. Urey Gouk, cultural attache, and his assistant. The Russians seemed hospitable and friendly, taking the students through the Embassy and showing them an excellent feature film on Soviet ballet.

This type of trip to Washington was inaugurated last year by the Political Science Department which hopes it will become a permanent annual affair. Both the students and Mr. Rockwell felt "that the trip was as successful as it could possibly have been".

Medical School Admissions Test Outlined for Pre-med Juniors

Candidates for admission to medical school in the fall of 1956 are advised to take the Medical College Admission Test in May, it was announced by Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the test for the Association of American Medical Colleges. These tests, required of applicants by almost every medical college throughout the country, will be given twice during the current calendar year. Candidates taking the May test, however, will be able to furnish scores to institutions in early fall, when many medical colleges begin the selection of their next entering class.

Candidates may take the MCAT on Saturday, May 7, 1955, or on Monday, October 31, 1955, at administrations to be held at more than 300 local centers in all parts of the country. The Association of American Medical Colleges recommends that candidates for admission to classes starting in the fall of 1956 take the May test.

The MCAT consists of tests of general scholastic ability, a test on understanding of modern society, and an achievement test in science. According to ETS, no special preparation other than a review of science subjects is necessary. All questions are of the objective type.

Application forms and a Bulletin of Information, which gives details of registration and administration, as well as sample questions, are available from pre-medical advisers.

Cut System . . . Cont.

No more than one third of the total of these cuts may be taken in any one course. But, Dean's List students may cut up to one half of their classes. Violations of the cutting regulations are penalized by periods when no cuts are allowed.

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At Yale every student is allowed 20 cuts per semester. However, only five may be used in any one course. These cuts are expected to cover all emergencies, athletic absenses, religious holidays, and minor illnesses. Students on the Dean list may take unlimited cuts in all classes except those that meet only once a week, where the allowance is two a semester. A student who overcuts may be dropped from the course.

All the colleges surveyed, except Amherst and Tufts, had fairly stiff penalties for cutting just before or just after a vacation.

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